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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOZ TO EXPEL AP REPRESENTATIVE FROM ZAIRE

REF: (A) KINSHASA 3061, (B) KINSHASA 2911

1. FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA CALLED ME IN LATE THIS MORNING APRIL 4 TO INFORM ME THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS DECIDED TO EXPEL FROM ZAIRE MICHAEL GOLDSMITH, AP REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. MOBUTU HAD ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT CARTER CONCERNING THIS DECISION:

A. MOBUTU RESPECTS PRESIDENT CARTER'S HIGH REGARD FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS; AND HE APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE THE US HAS RENDERED ZAIRE FOR SO LONG.

B. AS A FORMER JOURNALIST HIMSELF, MOBUTU REALIZES THE SERIOUSNESS OF EXPELLING A REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT NEWS AGENCY.

C. NEVERTHELESS, EVER SINCE 1965 (WHEN GOLDSMITH WAS PREVIOUSLY EXPELLED FROM ZAIRE) GOLDSMITH HAS PORTRAYED ZAIRE IN A CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE WAY.

D. SPECIFICALLY, IN HIS REPORTING DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS GOLDSMITH HAS BEEN GUILTY OF CONDUCTING A "CAMPAIGN OF INSULTS" AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AND ARMY OF ZAIRE; A "CAMPAIGN OF INTOXICATION," I.E., "MISLEADING THE PEOPLE" BY DISTORTING THE

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SITUATION IN ZAIRE; AND A "CAMPAIGN OF CALUMNY," I.E., "DELIBERATE FALSEHOODS." (NGUZA CITED AS AN EXAMPLE GOLDSMITH'S REPORT ON APRIL 3 RALLY IN SUPPORT OF MOBUTU.)

E. MOBUTU WAS IN NO WAY ACTING AGAINST THE AMERICAN PRESS OR, FOR THAT MATTER, AP. HIS ACTION WAS DIRECTED ONLY AGAINST MR. GOLDSMITH. MOBUTU WOULD BE PERFECTLY AGREEABLE TO PERMITTING AP TO SEND ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE TO ZAIRE TO REPLACE GOLDSMITH.

2. I EXPRESSED MY DEEP CONCERN AND REGRET TO NGUZA THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE THIS ACTION. I REMINDED NGUZA OF OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT (REFTELS), DURING WHICH I HAD MORE THAN ONCE MADE THE POINT THAT RESTRICTIONS ON THE US PRESS HERE, AND ANY EXPULSIONS IN PARTICULAR, WOULD INEVITABLY AROUSE NEGATIVE REACTIONS IN THE US AND MAKE A DIFFICULT SITUATION WORSE. I FURTHER REMINDED NGUZA OF HIS CLEAR INDICATION TO ME ON APRIL 2 THAT THE GOZ DID NOT INTEND TO EXPEL ANY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. NGUZA ACKNOWLEDGED MY POINTS AND SAID HE HAD TRIED TO DISSUADE THE PRESIDENT FROM ASKING GOLDSMITH TO LEAVE. BUT IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT REGARDED THIS AS A PERSONAL MATTER-- THAT HE BELIEVED GOLDSMITH WAS "SEEKING REVENGE" FOR PAST PROBLEMS HE HAD HAD WITH MOBUTU-- AND THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION WAS FIRM. I AGAIN EXPRESSED REGRET AND ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT GOLDSMITH WOULD IN NO WAY BE HINDERED FROM LEAVING IN AN ORDERLY AND SAFE WAY. NGUZA ASSURED ME THAT WOULD BE THE CASE

3. WE WILL ADVISE GOLDSMITH OF THE DECISION AS SOON AS WE CAN LOCATE HIM, AND PRESUME THE GOZ WILL INFORM HIM DIRECTLY LATER TODAY. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF DEPT. WISHES EMBASSY TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION.  
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